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Docket No. GC527C2

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In re Application of)
D. A. Estell et al.) Group Art Unit: 1644
Serial No.: 09/677,822) Examiner: Saunders, D.
Filed: October 2, 2000)
For: Proteins Producing an Altered)
Immunogenic Response and)
Methods of Making and)
Using the Same)

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Sir:

1. I, Fiona Harding, am a co-inventor of the subject matter embodied in the above-identified patent application.
2. I have read and understand the above-identified patent application, which was filed on October 2, 2000; the priority patent applications Application Serial Number 09/500,135, filed February 8, 2000, and Application Serial Number 09/060,872, filed April 15, 1998; all of the Claims as amended and filed in the "Amendment and Response to Office Action" filed herewith; the Office Action from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, mailed January 14, 2003; and the references by Landry (WO 99/06061; published February 11, 1999), and Mouritsen (WO 95/05849; published March 2, 1995).
3. The work that is the subject of the pending Claims and that is described in paragraphs 4 to 11 below, was performed in this country by me or under my supervision.
4. Prior to February, 1999, I successfully carried out assay experiments as described in the present patent application, in which the amino acid sequence of a T-cell

epitope peptide was modified to increase the magnitude of the induced proliferative response. A peripheral blood (PBMC) sample from a Genencor employee who was verified by Genencor's Environmental Health and Safety department as sensitized to *B. lentus* subtilisin was drawn by the Stanford University Blood Center. Monocytes from the PBMC sample were cultured with GM-CSF and IL-4 for 5 days in order to cause the differentiation of dendritic cells (DC). IL-1 and TNF-alpha were subsequently added, and the DC cultures were incubated for another 2 days. The final DC cultures were harvested on day 7. On day 7, CD4+ T cells from the donor PBMC sample were isolated from frozen aliquots.

5. Peptides encompassing the amino acids 160-174 from *B. lentus* subtilisin, and a series of alanine scan peptide variants, were purchased from Mimotopes.

6. CD4+ T cells and DC from the sensitized donor were co-cultured with either the unmodified parent peptide, or the alanine substituted variant peptides. Cultures were incubated for 5 days. On day 5, 0.5 uCi of tritiated thymidine was added to each well of the cell culture. On day 6, the cell cultures were harvested to glass fiber mats, and incorporated tritiated thymidine was measured.

7. This donor had been previously shown to respond to the amino acid 160-174 region of *B. lentus* subtilisin by mounting a CD4+ T cell response. In this experiment, the donor again responded to the unmodified amino acid 160-174 peptide. The stimulation index of the proliferative response (experimental cpm divided by control well cpm) was about 7.

8. Responses to the alanine scan peptides were tabulated. Many of the alanine substituted peptides have no effect on the proliferative response (*i.e.*, the magnitude of the stimulation index to the variant peptide was approximately the same as the response to the unmodified parent peptide). Alanine changed peptides at some of the positions (R, Y, N) had a deleterious effect on the induction of a proliferation response. However, alanine substitutions at both positions #12 and #5 in the peptide resulted in proliferative responses that were more robust than the response to the unmodified parent peptide.

9. Please see Figure 11 in the application as filed, which shows the increased proliferative response to variant peptide carrying changes #5 and #12 as compared to the parent, unmodified peptide sequence.

10. In conclusion, this experiment shows that the modification of a T-cell epitope peptide sequence can result in an increased proliferative response to the polypeptide.

11. These experiments are described on pages 89-99 of my laboratory notebook number 1471, attached hereto at Tab 1.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 19 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom

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Signed: Fiona Harding
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- (1) Directed donation by a Sickle cell individual. Buffy prepared by Star for A Blood Bank
- (2) Ficoll, wash, Count (200 µl/well): 1×10^3 tot/well
- (3) Prepare TEBU trans formed B cells: 2.5 ml BGS on 2.5 ml of media + 10^7 cells
- (4) Set up DC in a 6 well plate: 4 wells. T-4 / GM-CIE 3-50
- (5) 10 Response to GM-36 filter (GM-36 40 µm) media down. T-4 40 µl/well culture. Amu 2×10^5 /well. GM-CIE, Amulash & Agarose medium.
- (6) Set up DC 108 in a T75 for trypsin peptide test 3.00
- (7) Ensure all other PBMC: 2×10^7 /ml in FCS/10% Fresh BNG
- (8) TNF- α -1a to DC culture 20 µl/ST. Pulse 10 Response
- (9) Harvest 10 Response
- (10) in situ Mitisngel (1/10 ml in a 37°C. well DC. cells w/ wells. Return washed cultures to wells. M79704 DC Count: 100×10^3 = 1×10^7 tot/well.
- (11) coat Select Columns (at # R2752 B) 108 cells) column. 3 columns. Rinse perfectly! pooled 7.5×10^6 750×10^3 7.5×10^7 tot/well cells. 37.5 units for 2×10^6 /ml.
- (12) 6×10^6 coat T + 1 well of 6 well plate w/ 40 µl media + 36 µl \rightarrow DC + 10^4 cells in T-17 6×10^6 coat T + 1 well of 6 well plate w/ 40×10^3 µl media + 36 µl \rightarrow DC + 10^4 cells in T-17

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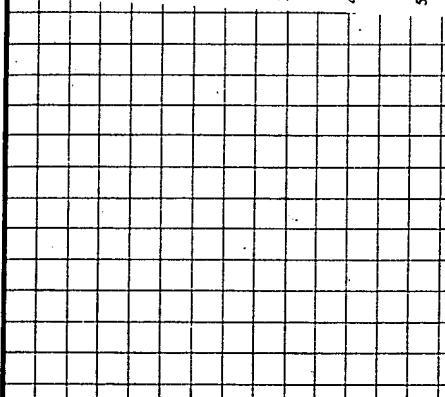
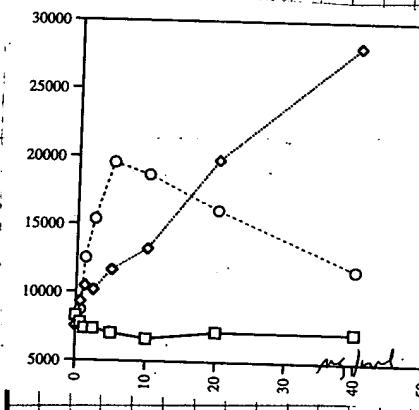
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| M26704 (directed donation) Primary response to GG36, Tetanus, KLH and Amylase | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| ODPM | 21-Oct-97 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| A | 7159.0 | 7144.3 | 8859.0 | 25880.0 | 25220.3 | 24517.1 | 31377 | 26978.5 | 26091.2 | 12616.1 | 11744.5 | 11469.2 | |
| B | 7159.0 | 7910.1 | 8859.0 | 12800.0 | 12800.0 | 12800.0 | 20786.2 | 17884.0 | 20791 | 16581.1 | 16170.3 | 15684.8 | |
| C | 6355.7 | 6747.2 | 6747.2 | 13806 | 13116.1 | 12800.0 | 12200.0 | 12200.0 | 12200.0 | 15681.0 | 15192.0 | 15070.8 | |
| D | 6778 | 7270.4 | 7023 | 11872.6 | 12367.9 | 14881.8 | 11456.8 | 11572.2 | 11606.8 | 12000.0 | 10710.0 | 10705.8 | |
| E | 7293.1 | 7730 | 7043.5 | 10049.3 | 14268 | 12888.8 | 10222.8 | 9714 | 10775.8 | 18389.8 | 15659.1 | 14084.8 | |
| F | 7444.3 | 6935.3 | 7870.3 | 13798.1 | 13422.6 | 12880.7 | 10683.2 | 10721.1 | 8960.7 | 11318.7 | 13215 | 13005.8 | |
| G | 8315.7 | 6842 | 8207.3 | 11205.0 | 14388.1 | 14083.5 | 9559.1 | 10071.3 | 7427.0 | 8775.1 | 9093.7 | 8247.4 | |
| H | 8885.7 | 7672.1 | 8278.9 | 6489.4 | 8189.5 | 7208 | 7536.3 | 7708.6 | 7338.7 | 8336.7 | 6904.2 | 6797.0 | |

| OPE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------|--|--|--|--|--|---------|--|--|---------|--|---------|
| 10 | 7155.0 | | | | | | 25208.1 | | | 12616.0 | | 11744.5 |
| 11 | 7158.2 | | | | | | 14475.3 | | | 19757.2 | | 17433.3 |
| 12 | 6824.5 | | | | | | 13803.5 | | | 13228.4 | | 16570.5 |
| 13 | 7023.8 | | | | | | 13747.4 | | | 11645.2 | | 15581.2 |
| 14 | 7355.6 | | | | | | 14427.4 | | | 10170.9 | | 15373.3 |
| 15 | 7350.0 | | | | | | 13280.4 | | | 10446.3 | | 12512.4 |
| 16 | 7751.7 | | | | | | 13225.2 | | | 9319.4 | | 8705.4 |
| 17 | 6271.0 | | | | | | 7289.0 | | | 7927.2 | | 8348.2 |



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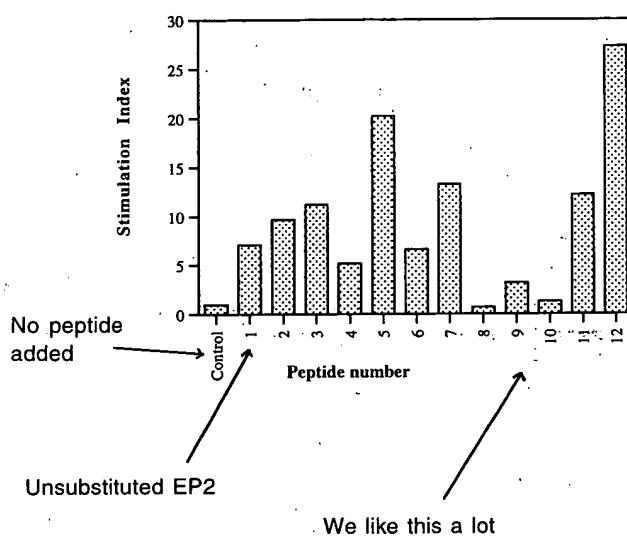
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**M29704 directed donation
Response to alanine substituted EP-2 peptides**



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| (13) | Person |
| (14) | Collect 5r-2 u |
| (15) | Harvest |

| Group | Condition | Stimulation Index (approx.) |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------|
| A01 | Control | 0.5 |
| | SPT | 0.8 |
| | SPT + 1000 | 1.0 |
| | SPT + 2000 | 1.2 |
| | SPT + 4000 | 1.5 |
| A04 | Control | 0.5 |
| | SPT | 0.8 |
| | SPT + 1000 | 1.0 |
| | SPT + 2000 | 1.2 |
| | SPT + 4000 | 1.4 |
| A07 | Control | 0.5 |
| | SPT | 0.8 |
| | SPT + 1000 | 1.0 |
| | SPT + 2000 | 1.2 |
| | SPT + 4000 | 1.4 |
| A10 | Control | 0.5 |
| | SPT | 0.8 |
| | SPT + 1000 | 1.0 |
| | SPT + 2000 | 1.2 |
| | SPT + 4000 | 1.4 |

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(13) Remove DC from frozen aliquot of cells. One T75 flask

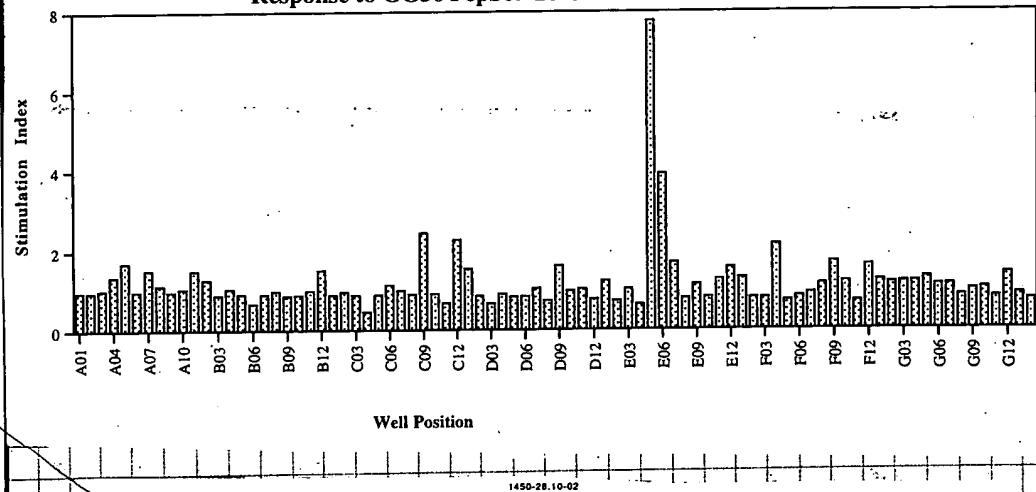
(14) Collect Activated cells. Wash and Count. Plate in ATMU + 10ul/ml
for 2nd 10ng/ml MIF

Gate B6 primed: 3.8×10^6 total

Amplify primed: 3.1×10^6 total

(5) Harvest cxdT/DC response to PepSet and Substituted EP2

M29704 directed donation
Response to GG36 PepSet 28 Oct 1997 1450PM/28-10-1



| M29704 directed donation response to substituted EP2 peptides. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| COPMI | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| A | 4.1 | 14.3 | 2 | 6.1 | 18.1 | 6.2 | 14.3 | 8.2 | 4.1 | 8.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| B | 4.1 | 52.8 | 17.6 | 21.5 | 2025.5 | 1070.1 | 63.9 | 65.3 | 137.3 | 100.4 | 2612.6 | 4008.5 |
| C | 43.0 | 115.0 | 85.7 | 136.5 | 2455.3 | 604.5 | 134.8 | 63.3 | 737.6 | 155.7 | 639.2 | 311.4 |
| D | 861.0 | 1452.2 | 2434.8 | 890.8 | 575.8 | 330.9 | 3801.6 | 79.8 | 90.1 | 127 | 452.8 | 3983.4 |
| E | 6.1 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 8.1 | 2 | 2 | 4.1 |
| F | 81.4 | 81.4 | 140.3 | 13171.8 | 5734.4 | 5770.4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| G | 4.1 | 10.2 | 4.1 | 8.1 | 10 | 18 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4.1 | 8.1 |
| H | 4.1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 0 | 4.1 |
| MPE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ave of trip. | 712.1 | 883.8 | 1195.0 | 529.5 | 2029.0 | 688.5 | 1343.4 | 68.7 | 321.7 | 127.7 | 1234.9 | 2781.1 |
| N | 7.1 | 9.7 | 11.2 | 5.2 | 20.2 | 6.6 | 19.2 | 0.7 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 12.2 | 27.3 |
| control | 101.0 | | 8226.5 | | | | | | | | | |
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(16) Second set of Dr. MitoC in-situ 1 hr. Collect, Count
 3.5×10^6 total.

(17) Collect activated cells. wash. filter. Count
Gx36: 3.0×10^6 total
Amylose: 2.14×10^6 total.

(18) Plate 5×10^5 /well DC
 10^6 /well Gx36 $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{well}$ Gx36
 7×10^5 /well Amylose $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{well}$ Amylose
in 24 well plate. A.M.V.

(19) 11 Nov 57: Cells grew very well. turn cracks. Today
look mostly dead.
filter. Count
Gx36: 1.2×10^5 total
Amylose: 2.8×10^5 total.

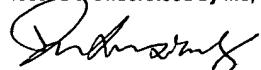
(20) MitoC treated EBV treated BHK 45' $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{well}$ MitoC
was well 6×10^5 total.

(21) 48 well plate. 3 wells each. 10^5 EBV B cells / well
12 Nov: Gx36 look to be responsive to
EBV/Ag. Amylose culture not so good.

(22) 13 Nov 57. Add $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{well}$ IL-2 to all Gx36
primed well

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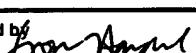
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